Jan. 26, 1904

Dear Mr. White,

I enclose draft for Mr. Barnes, payable Jan. 30.

I also enclose report, and leave you to add the appeal you suggest.

Yours very truly

Ellis Stevens

27 January, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Your check for $50., Rector's Assistant fund for the present month, is received, also your enclosed report to Christ Church Historical Society, to which you request I shall add the financial appeal. This will receive prompt attention.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

3227 Spruce Street.

28 January, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your letter of 28th inst. with enclosed check for $15., $12.50 for domestic missions, $2.50 for foreign missions. The amount of collections for foreign missions was $3.73. Last year I sent the Treasurer on February 20th $36.73, and on February 28th, $12.68, a total of $49.46.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

4 February, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The sexton calls my attention to the fact that on Saturday to clean the Church and get it ready for services takes most of his day, and that he has little spare time for cleaning the Sunday School room, etc. He informs me that Miss Berry's industrial class has been lately using the entire lower floor of the Sunday School house, and leaves it in such a condition as to require a couple of hours to clean the same up for the Sunday School services. Do you not think that something said to her would relieve Mr. Head of this additional work?

I received in this morning's mail ~~the~~ your draft of form of annual service notice. These have already been printed and I am sending you 150, being all that I can spare of the 300 ordered. In view of the fact that the 14th is but a short time distant, away I had to put the matter through at once without waiting for the subject, after address This, however, I think will not make any difference. The only envelopes I have I'll send you later

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

of course favor treating him as considerately as possible.

Yours truly

Charles Evans

2227 ~~Spruce St~~

Feb. 15, 1904

Dear Mr. White,

Miss Berry, appointed on advice of the Bishop, has been doing a work of instruction in many parishes, and on lines now introduced in leading parishes here and in New York. It extremely desirous has necessitated another — that is all.

There is nothing unusual in children being instructed at the parish house Saturdays, as has been done for years under my two predecessors and myself. Miss Bond's Saturday class not having yet resumed its annual session, Miss Berry's class caused no exceptional addition to the Saturday work — unless in some matters of cleaning. They had to clean up, and under -

stood him to object.

Before receiving your note I heard what he had to say, and asked the class to do what they had previously offered to do. It is not usual in churches to look to classes for this sort of thing. But every effort is making that no reasonable grievance may exist on this point.

We should certainly be able to look to him for what is usually required of sextons in well-ordered churches. Personally I

2227 Spruce St.
Feb. 6, 1904

Dear Mr. White,

Mr. Chas Reste, 4111 Baltimore Ave., whose family has been connected with Christ Church, takes a gallery sitting and asks me to transmit what he understands to be just payment at this time for semi-annual rate in advance. This

are others seeking pecuniary things; but owing to the delicacy of the present moment, I have scarcely cared to have them involved in anything unpleasant and so they may wait over, some of them. If any care to go forward without delay I will let you know, if I know. Some may, and may be of future use to the Church. Please acknowledge Mr. Estes amt. to him. He handed amt. in cash, which

I mail by check for convenience. Helen has been interested in the church, and has frequently attended.

Please let me know when Jane Bern is to receive the amt. due her — as she is in need of it, at this time.

Yours sincerely

Estelle Stevens

8 February, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I have sent Mr. Este receipt for $3., pew rent, which you enclosed me in yours of 6th inst., and have mailed to Miss Berry check for bill as received from you last week.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.

fund payable as usual in February. This will cover Mr. Barnes' salary for three months, including February. I understand Mr. Ogden will pay as usual for that object

Very sincerely

C. Collis Stevens

Feb. 9, 1904

2227 Spruce Street

Dear Mr. White,

The enclosed completes Mr. Sabbatin's work.

I sent you some time ago word of the subscriptions of Mr C. B. Newbold, his mother, and John V. Newbold, of $50 each for Assistant

17 February, 1904.

Dear Mr. Sayres:

On January 5th, 1903, you sent me check for $9., which paid pew rent up to September 30th, 1902. You owe at the present time as follows:

September 30, 1902, six months in advance,		$3.
March 30, 1903,	" " " " ,	3.
September 30, 1903,	" " " " ,	3.
and later on, March 30th, 1904,	" " " " ,	3. $12.

will be sent a bill for

As we shall hope to have your assistance and vote at the election to be held on Easter Monday, and as there is some proviso in the By-Laws preventing the voters from voting who have not paid their pew rent, I hope you will not mind my calling your attention to this, and my hope that you will care to continue your holding at Christ Church.

I shall step in to see you sometime soon when I am down your way, and explain fully why I am writing you -

Very truly yours,

Edward S. Sayres, Esqr.,
317 S. Third Street.

27 February, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The amount of the offertory taken on the 21st inst. for foreign missions was $14.5½.

Mr. Newbold requests that the communicant book, which you took home with you some few days ago, should be returned to the Church, as he desires to see the same.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2327 Spruce Street.

29 February, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The pew bills have gone out, but I have not sent any to Mrs. George L. Elkins. You will recall that we had a talk about this pew, and you said that you would see Mrs. Elkins and advise me whether she desired to retain the same.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2237 Spruce Street.

out to ragged surface
new supplies have
been necessitated,
and have been
gotten through J. V. Munk
build as usual, in
routine.

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens

2227 Spruce Street
March 5, 1904

Dear Miss White,

I have not been
unmindful as to
your seeking, but
strange condition
growing out of the
death of Mrs. W. L.
Perkins no action
has yet been taken.

Our offices have
largely become ragged
and some stole ~~scrap~~

7 March, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

On February 27th last I wrote you in reference to the communicant list, which, on looking for in the Church, I was informed by Mr. Head that you had taken home with you. Although since that time I have had several letters from you, in none of which do you refer to the matter, and I beg to again ask that this communicant book be returned to the Church. I am aware that Mr. Pepper is your counsel in this matter, and if you prefer to have me write him, I shall do so, but it seems to me so clear under § 3 of Canon XIV that the book is the property of the vestry, that it seems entirely unnecessary to write Mr. Pepper. As Mr. Newbold made this request sometime ago, I will ask the favor of an early answer.

Yours truly, Enclose #100, Chant Fund Income

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2327 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce Street
March 8, 1904

Dear Mr. White,

Replying to
yours of 7th inst, I
would say, that I
have thought it the
proper way to com-
municate direct with
Mr. Newbold on the
subject.

Yours sincerely
Walter Stevens

2227 Spruce Street
March 8, 1904

My dear Mr. Newbold,

Mr. White writes me that you made to him some time ago a request to see the Communicant register. I was unaware of it until a few days since, and have received no communication from yourself on the subject.

If you wish an individual record, and

will specify it in the usual manner, I will see you have transcript at once such as is sent to all such inquiries.

If you desire the book itself, I would say that it has been at the church for proper inspection until of late, and is now being in constant need and use under Canon XIV, Sec 2, of the Diocese, and Canon 18, Title I of the General Canons of the American Church, as it has periodically been for years in customary routine.

I shall be very glad to give you all rightful access to the book if desired you wish it, in due time as soon as the present use required by the Canon Law is completed.

With kindly regards,

Yours very truly

C. Ellis Stevens

Mo Gouverneur!!

C.E.S.

2227 Spruce St.
March 12, 1904.

My dear Mr. White

The use of the communicant book is not yet finished, and the list is therefore in incomplete state. But as you seem in haste, I will not wait for that at this time but with pleasure will place the book at the church Tuesday as requested.

Yours sincerely
Ellis Stevens

March. 21. 1904

Copy

My dear Sir.

Mr. Evans who is in Court to day has sent me your letter of March. 19 with the request that I reply to it. In regard to the communion books - it is in the Church and is entirely open to Mr. Stevens at any time and he can proceed with his Case of removal -

If however there is any particular reason why it should be taken away, and you will notify me of it, I am not disposed to think that there will be any objection made.

As to access by your way. To the Pew Leased and seat books of the Accounting warden

to determine who are the qualified voters the acting warden directs me to say, that if you will telephone him at any time, he will be glad to show them to you at this office or at yours, as may be most convenient to you.

Mr. White does not care to see Dr. Stevens but the same time if this presence is necessary he will willingly visit

Yours truly

Francis A. Lewis

Geo Wharton Pepper Esq

24 March, 1904.

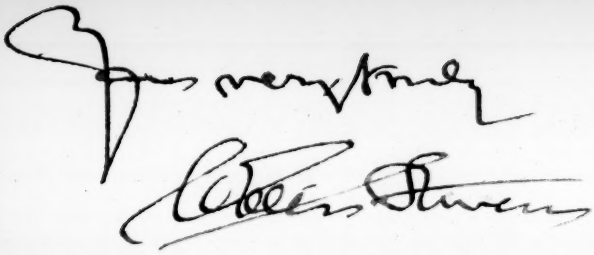
My dear Dr. Stevens:

The amount of the offertory on the 20th inst. was, in envelopes $3.48, in the plate $8.91.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.



2227 Spruce St
Mar 25 1904

Dear Mrs. Wentz,

Check for enclosed should be sent Mrs. Barnes. Has vestments bill been paid?

If you have received any sums for Diocesan Missions please let me know this week and soon.

26 March, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The vestment bill of $59. was paid on March 7th last. The amount in my hands for Diocesan Missions is as per my letter of yesterday. I am in receipt of bills for amount due Mr. Barnes, namely $7.35, on account of Sunday School Fund Income, and shall send him check at the end of the month.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

March 31, 1904

Dear Mrs. White,

Have received any and what funds for Diocesan Missions.

Yours sincerely

Rollin H. Kenny

2 April, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Your letter of March 31st is duly received and I have received no funds for Diocesan Missions other than as reported to you in my letter of March 24th, and again referred to in my letter of March 26th last.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2327 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce St.
Apr. 5, 1904

Dear Mr. Waite,

I send an account #78 raised toward Diocesan Missions, to be forwarded to Mr. Goodhead.

Yours sincerely
Ellen Stevens

6 April, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your letter of 5th inst. with enclosed check for $78., Diocesan Missions, and also sundry bills.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce St
Apr 18, 1904

Mr. Clarence Waite,

Kind fill in usual items that come from Accounting Warden, and return me the enclosed soon as possible.

Yours truly
Adelle Stevens

2227 Spruce St
Apr. 20, 1904

Dear Mr. Waite,

Kindly send me dates and amounts of payments made me on account of Charity Fund, as appearing on your books, for fiscal year.

I have my own record, of course; but as this is the only

discretionary fund sent me from the church, I desire that there be no possible disagreement as to sums passing between us.

I presume the account is over for the year. If not, I should be informed.

Yours very truly

Edith Abbott

April 20, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

#3227 Spruce St.,

Philadelphia.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Yours of the 18th is received with enclosed bill from Mrs. Berry, and annual Parochial Report. This, as you know, I shall be unable to fill out and return to you before May 4th or 5th, as our year does not end until April 30th.

Yours very truly,

April 21, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

#3027 Spruce St., Phila.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your letter and enclose you herewith check for $6.90 in payment of expenses of the Superintendent of Sunday School.

As regards the Charity Fund income, I note you write me that you have, of course, your account thereof. If you will send me a statement we shall be very glad to verify the same, and it will thus save ~~you~~ Dear considerable bother.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

2227 Spruce Street

Apr. 21, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

I dont quite see by your last communication why so simple a request, sent for a sufficient reason, and to avoid future questions, should not be answered simply and directly in the way requested. Your letter uses the expression "considerable bother".

As I am leaving town

in acceptance of a duty sometime since arranged to take part in the 200th anniversary of a Long Island colonial church, I have asked Rev. Mr. Daines to see you, and procure what I asked you for. As this is intended to meet all possible question of "bother" on your part, I doubt not you will allow him facilities for access to your records which I simply wish

to verify.

Let me add, that I trust we shall from now on be able to act in a generous and conciliatory spirit.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens

April 22, 1904

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

#3227 Spruce St., Phila.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I received your letter and have also seen Mr. Barnes. As I wrote you before, if you will send me your statement of Charity Fund Income, I shall verify the same and return it to you.

Yours very truly,

April 25, 1904

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

#2227 Spruce St., Phila.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I enclose herewith check for $216.67, April salary 1904.

On the 22nd inst. I paid $4.00 for four Stole Collars to St. Mark's Guild. I suppose these were ordered by yourself. Will you kindly advise me whether there will be any other bills for vestments or other objects falling due in the Church Year ending 30 April 1904? As regards this item of $4.00, the more I think it over, the less I feel that it can be strictly called a Church expenditure, in view of the fact that they are meant for your personal use and you intend, I believe, to take them with you. I, however, have paid it and leave the matter in your hands with this statement.

Enc.

Yours very truly,

that enclosed — a bill for prizes for Saturday class closing Apr. 30th. I will try to have it reach you Saturday. It will be striking — perhaps $2 or so. I haven't heard. I send Miss Paul's account for amts advanced. She has really advanced more than this, but prefers to put it in this shape, as evening mail dest. I would be glad if this could be sent her so as to settle up at this time.

Yours sincerely

Adelia Steven

I suppose Miss Paul could give you smaller items if you want. I'd submit what she sent me as sufficient, as

2227 Spruce Street
Apr. 29, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

As to the stole protectors they were simply ordered in due course for stoles needing them - and are usually now regarded as belonging to all stoles. They were not specially for me though I may use part of them

I know of only one bill now pending within the fiscal year other than

30 April, 1904.

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Board of Managers of Christ Church Hospital held the 29th inst., your communication was duly presented, and on examining the minutes of 1870 the letter of Mr. Joseph E. Hover was found, in which he placed the model in the custody of the Hospital subject to his further orders. On satisfactory proof that Mr. Howard D. Hover is the proper person to receive this model, we shall be very glad to place it at his disposal, and also will donate to him the pedestal which the Hospital constructed at its own expense. Can you advise me if there is anything in the will of the late Joseph E. Hover governing this matter, and who his executor was?

Yours very truly,

Louis Mulford Stiles, Esqr.,

419 Pennsylvania Building.

5 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Yesterday in the Convention, on discussing Mr. Patterson's resolutions, which were referred over to the next year, section 5 of Canon XIV was brought into discussion, and my attention was specially called to the last part of section 5, where it provides that the Rector, together with the Church Wardens, shall at the same time present a financial statement, etc. Our practice has been in the past to send you direct such a Church statement, and you taking it as a basis would add the additional sums. It seems to me that this year we should depart from our custom heretofore, in view of the facts already in your possession, by referring to last year's statement. I am ready to make a financial return and would suggest that you send me such facts as you desire to have added to the report, and I will prepare such a report by adding them to the figures I have in hand, and this shall be forwarded to Mr. Huff. At the same time I shall be glad to have your statement of the disbursements of the Charity Fund Income for the last year.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

3227 Spruce Street.

6 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of the enclosed bill from Thomson Printing Company. Will you kindly advise me if it is for the Church, and if so on what accounts? The Parish School Fund Income for this last year is overdrawn at the present time by $63.37.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

made. Also an old bill which seems unpaid, but about which I am uncertain. Also bill for carriages for the Bishop at two confirmations. There are only one or two others such as I know (of small amounts) but which I cannot send in till I get them.

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens

2227 Spruce Street
May 13, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

Absence from the city on business has interfered with correspondence.

From a recent letter I gather that you would yourself like to make report for the Diocesan Journal. I am glad to fall into this as far as I can by cheerfully agreeing

that you send in your financial report direct instead of through me, I unfortunately, I cannot go so far as to accept the whole of your suggestion, because I am advised that being Rector at the date of Convention, and for the year involved, I have no choice but to obey the plain language and intent of the canon, and make any official report to the Bishop. This therefore I have been obliged to do at this time,

without waiting longer, as it is necessary to render it official. In doing so, I have duly referred to the Bishop the nature of items of my report, and have informed him that I agree that you yourself send in figures to be added by the diocesan authorities. In this waiving the usual customs I am meeting your suggestion as nearly as I canonically can.

I return bill about which inquiry was

13 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Today Messrs. Coles, Keith and Newbold, being the Finance Committee of Christ Church, met at my office for the examination of my accounts, and I was instructed by them to write and ask you for your statement of the Charity Fund Income received since May 1st, 1903. I should also like to have from you your customary extract of the baptisms, confirmations, etc., for the year ending 30 April, 1904.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

14 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Your letter of 13th inst. is received, and I shall, as suggested in your letter, immediately send to Bishop Whitaker my statement of the receipts and expenditures for year ending April 30, 1904. I am also in receipt of sundry bills and shall see that those due are promptly paid. I shall be glad to have the information I wrote you for yesterday at your early convenience.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce Street
May 14, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

I can not send the spiritual item requested. The other report I have already communicated with you about, as also with counsel, and shall be glad to send it to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely
Ellen G. White

16 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your letter with enclosed spiritual items, and also note that you write me in reference to your account of the Charity Fund Income, that you have consulted with your counsel in reference thereto, and will send it as soon as possible. The Finance Committee are anxious that this should be received as early as possible, as the accounts have all been audited except this one, and the printing is also being held up on account of it.

I enclose you herewith a bill of John Wanamaker's, marked for the Dorcas Society, amounting to $1.35, which Mrs. Smith tells me is not owed by the Dorcas Society. I also enclose a bill of Henry McKean Sons, and would like to ask if this is correct and if so what it is for. Mr. Creth yesterday asked me if you had returned to the Churchthe books of heraldry, which had been purchaedd by the Historical Association funds, and I said I did not know and he asked me to write you in reference thereto, also for the keys to the Dr. Dorr library and any other of the keys to the Christ Church property that you may have.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce Street
May 18, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

Keys and articles referred to in your letter, such as I have, including a valuable book placed in my keeping some years ago by Mr. Kalk, who prepared it, have already been put together and are ready for placing in the church, by any one you like to send for them

at any time.

Yours sincerely

J. Ellis Stevens

A letter I received from the Bishop this morning as to parochial report closes that matter. Mr. Peloubet has been, as you know, very busy just of late with the Boston receivership, and I have not been able to hear from him as to the only remaining matter I know of. If there is any other matter, let me know at this time.

18 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I received your letter with the enclosed bills O. K.'d, and I have written Mr. Head asking him to call at your house tomorrow for the books, etc. I know of no matter outstanding other than the report of the Charity Fund Income. Mr. Barnes informs me that his figures differ considerably from yours in certain of the spiritual items, and I am not yet clear in my own mind as to the proper method of handling the matter. I do not see how we can publish on our parochial statement the fact of there being a total of 376 Sunday School teachers and scholars when Mr. Barnes gives it as 283.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.

myself make. And with no unkindly feeling, I am unable to allow any amendment to my report. The report needs to be published as officially given to the Bishop — or else wholly omitted. I consider it unnecessary further to discuss this, based as it is on uniform usage and canonical propriety.

With kindly regard,

Yours very truly,

Ellis Stevens

2227 Spruce Street
May 28, 1904

My dear Mr. White

It may have escaped your attention that the Rectors report printed in the annual parish circular is merely a copy of that which he canonically presents to the Bishop. It is not in order that this report be subject

to judgment or revision by ~~the~~ Assistant or other persons. In the case of the item which you mention the written report of the Assistant in my hands does not agree with your statement. The item covers not the Sunday School alone but the Bible classes also — and the Rev. Mr. Barnes, for whom I have the highest regards, has never made

the official record
of these, whether held
in the clinch, or
outside the clinch.
The report as given is
the only authorized
one, and is correct.

As you issue this
circular I have
no objection to your
omitting my report
altogether. But it
will be recognized
that no report can
be made in my
name, except what I

31 May, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt this morning of your favor of May 28th. As regards the Parochial spiritual items, they will appear in the abstract published by Christ Church just as ~~xxx~~ sent me by yourself, with some such statement as the following: "As reported by the Rev. Dr. Stevens". They will not be changed in other respects.

I am also in receipt, through Mr. Lewis, of the Charity Fund report, with check to the order of Mr. Barnes for the balance on hand.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce St.
June 2, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

Your satisfactory communication has been received. I am asked by Mr. Pepper to forward you enclosed bond the similar notice of rent for July 1, which

are payable in advance to Aug. 1.

May I ask that you will kindly notify me in each case as soon as these are paid, that I may note the ~~payment~~ promptly as in the agreement in lease with Company?

By the last of this month you may address me mail, hearing to the contrary, at Shelving Rock,

N. Y., as usual.

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens

Kindly send me duplicate copies of printed circular.

3 June, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Your letter of June 2nd is received, and I herewith return you bill for June rent, 1904, and also enclose you check to your order for $62.50, being the amount of said June rent. The resolution of the vestry was so worded that the Church was to be responsible to you personally for the amount of the rent for these two months, but it did not obligate itself to pay any rent to the Pennsylvania Company, hence the form of my check.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

all the keys belonged. Mr. Head has had library keys, and may have had one for Dr. Davis's library, though I do not know. At all events I have no other keys, and none of these are personal to me.

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens

2227 Spruce Street
Tuesday

My dear Mr. White,

I am sorry you should have inconvenience.

All I know of this bunch of Keys is ~~that~~ it came to me from Dr. Foggo. It never contained private Keys of mine, nor did I ever find what

20 June, 1904.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The keys which we have received from you have been carefully gone over at the Church, and we find that none of them open Dr. Dorr's library. Will you kindly send me these at your early convenience? There are also two keys on your bunch very similar with E. L. stamped on the handles. They do not fit anything about the Church that we know of. Do they belong to you or are they Church keys, and if so will you kindly tell me what they fit? They are on a separate little key ring.

Yours truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

for Sunday School
Children's Copy of
Spirit of Missions
ordered last Lent
as usual with
most Sunday Schools,
but just received.

Yours sincerely

Chas. S. Lewis

Sheltering Rock, N.Y.
July 1, 1904

My dear Universe,

Kindly note usual summer address till Oct. 1, when I will send further word.

I do not find the check for $62,50, which please send as above.

I enclose amt.

Aug. 5th, 1904.

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

Shelving Rock in New York,

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. resigning for yourself and Mrs. Stevens from the Christ Church Historical Association and the other Church Socities is received, and the resignations will be properly presented.

Yours truly,

Sep. 28, 1904

My dear Mr. White,

For the payment due Oct 1, my temporary address is 273 Union St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

My permanent address after Oct. 10, will be 111 Montague St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens